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SUBJ: WEEKLY REPORT

1. ALL INDONESIAN PAPERS CARRIED STATEMENT BY INDONESIAN MINISTER COMMUNICATIONS ANNOUNCING THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ALLEGED BRIBERY OR OTHER IRREGULARITIES IN CONTRACT PROCEDURE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF PALAPA COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE SYSTEM. COMMENTING ON STATEMENT, NATIONAL DAILY KOMPAS ASKED, "WOULD IT NOT HAVE BEEN BETTER IF THE INVESTIGATION HAD NOT BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, WHICH IN THIS INSTANCE IS CONSIDERED TO BE INVOLVED, BUT RATHER BY AN INSTITUTION NOT INVOLVED AND THEREFORE MORE INDEPENDENT?"

2. ENTHUSIASM FOR CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S STYLE AND TONE WAS REFLECTED BY EDITORIAL IN KOMPAS COMMENTING ON THE "PHONOTHON." PAPER SAID, "A CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH THE PEOPLE WILL BRING A UNCLASSIFIED

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REAL KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS IN THE MINDS ... AND HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE. OPENNESS AND COMMUNICATIONS ARE MEANS TO COUNTER THE TENDENCY OF POWER TO ISOLATE."

3. SUPPORTING GOI MEDIA (TVRI AND RRI) COVERAGE OF LAUNCH OF INDONESIA'S SECOND DOMESTIC SATELLITE, PALAPA II, POST ARRANGED FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR TELEVISION AND RADIO CREWS IN U.S.

BOTH IMV AND IBS RESPONDED RAPIDLY AND EFFICIENTLY TO POST'S REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT OF MARCH 11 LAUNCH.

4. OUSTANDING VTR SHOW THIS WEEK WAS IN SURABAYA WHEN GROUP OF THIRTY STUDENT LEADERS, JOURNALISTS AND CITY PLANNERS ATTENDED SHOWINGS OF "INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER," CRONKITE-CARTER INTERVIEW, "AMERICAN ASIAN-PACIFIC POLICY," AND "THE DUKE AT MONTEREY." INTEREST IN CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS HIGH IN INDONESIA AND REACTION TO VTRS WAS POSITIVE TO EXTENT THAT GROUP REQUESTED REGULAR MONTHLY SHOWINGS OF SIMILAR SHOWS.

5. POST HELD EXHIBIT AT UNIVERSITY INDONESIA FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 5 AS PART UNIVERSITY'S 27TH ANNIVERSARY. CONSISTED OF SLIDE/SOUND SHOW, FOUR FILMS, PIX OF LAND GRANT COLLEGES, AND LIGHT BOXES AND PAPER SHOW ON COMMUNITY COLLEGES. 1100 VISITORS RECORDED DURING THIS PERIOD. ALSO ON DISPLAY WAS COMPUTER BOOK EXHIBIT WITH SYSTEM ARRANGED FOR ONE TO ORDER BOOKS FROM LOCAL PUBLISHER THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY'S COMPUTER. 19 BOOKS WERE ORDERED. POST CONSIDERED EXHIBIT VERY GOOD IN SHOWING HOW EDUCATIONAL CONCEPTS SUCH AS COMMUNITY AND LAND GRANT COLLEGES MIGHT BE ADAPTED AND APPLIED TO INDONESIAN EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

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